

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-4, 6-7, 12-23 and 26 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 1, 5, 8-11 and 24-25 are pending.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 8-9, 12-17 and 22-26 is obviated by the above amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 12, 15-17 and 26, is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Section 102 rejection of claims 12-14, 16-17 and 26 over Goheen (Journal of Chromatography, 326, 235-241, 1985), is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is requested.

The Section 102 rejection of claims 13 and 16-17 over Danielsson (Journal of Immunological Methods, 115, 79-88, 1988), is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is requested.

The Section 102 rejection of claims 12-13, 16-17 and 26 over Shadle (U.S. Patent No. 5,429,746), is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is requested.

The Section 103 rejection of claim 22 over Rinderknecht (WO 96/33208) in view of Turner (WO 99/10494) and Adams (WO 99/10494 or U.S. Patent No. 6,342,220), is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection is requested.

The Section 103 rejection of claims 22-23 over Dobre (Journal of Immunology Methods, 1983, Vol. 59, No. 3, pages 339-348) and Rinderknecht (WO 96/33208), is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection is requested.

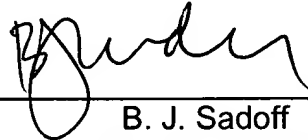
The Section 103 rejection of claims 12-13, 15 and 22 over Shadle (U.S. Patent No. 5,429,746) and Rinderknecht, is moot in view of the above. Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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